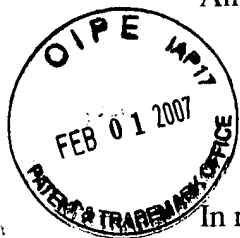


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Dear Examiner:

This is in response to the Office Action dated December 20, 2006, for which the
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Amendments to the **Claims** are reflected in the **Listing of Claims**, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.

Entry of the Amendments below and consideration of the Remarks that follow are respectfully requested.